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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

2000-208306 filed on July 10, 2000
2000-210066 filed on July 11, 2000

Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

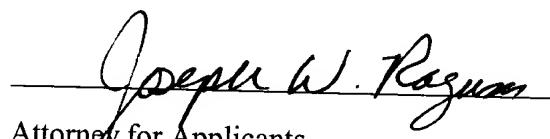
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